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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, BF, FCC
SUBJ: WTDR/FTI REQUEST - BAHAMAS BROADCASTING AND TV
COMMISSION

REF: USDOC 02478

1. THE BAHAMAS
OFFICE USE: 2. 236 3. NA 4. NA
5. BAHAMAS BROADCASTING AND TV COMMISSION
6. P.O. BOX N-1347; THIRD TERRACE CENTREVILLE.
7. NASSAU
8. CONTACT: MR. CHARLES CARTER 9. TITLE: DEPUTY
GENERAL MANAGER. OTHER OFFICIALS ARE: MR. CALSEY
JOHNSON, GENERAL MANAGER; MR. PHILIP SMITH, M.P. -
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD; MR. ED BETHEL, ASSISTANT
GENERAL MANAGER.
10. PHONE: (809) 322 4623 11. TELEX: NONE
12. CABLE: ZNS NASSAU 253
13. ESTABLISHED: 1936 14. EMPLOYS: 120 15. SIZE: LARGE
16. REPUTATION: 6 - SATISFACTORY 17. REPORT DATE: 04/78
OFFICE USE: 18. NA 19. NA 20. X 21. NA
22. NA
23A. SIC UNKNOWN - GOVERNMENT CORPORATION RESPONSIBLE
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FOR BROADCASTS BY RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE
BAHAMAS.
24. FOREIGN SALES: NONE
25. FINANCIAL REF: BARCLAYS BANK INTERNATIONAL,
P.O. BOX N-8348, NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS.
26. TRADE REFS: RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICAN (RCA);
THE HARRIS GATES CORPORATION, U.S.

27. COMPANY DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY FOREIGN FIRMS.

28. POST EVALUATION: SUBJECT COMPANY IS A BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT CORPORATION THAT OPERATES THE ZNA RADIO AND TELEVISION STATION AND STUDIOS, BROADCASTING TO THE PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE BAHAMAS. THE RADIO IS BROADCAST OVER TWO AIRWAVES: ZNA-1 OPERATES 24 HOURS A DAY WHICH BROADCASTS NEWS, WEATHER, LIGHT MUSIC PROGRAM AND SPORTS EVENTS: ZNA-2 BROADCASTS 16 HOURS A DAY AND PROVIDES SERIOUS MUSIC, DRAMA, DISCUSSIONS AND DOCUMENTARY PROGRAMS. UNTIL 1977 THIS COMPANY BROADCASTED ONLY BY RADIO, THEN ON JULY 4, 1977 ZNS CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION STATION AND STUDIOS OPENED AND WENT ON THE AIR - A DOLS 6 1/2 MILLION ENTERPRISE COMPRISED OF TWO STUDIOS - A AND B. RCA ASSISTED IN ESTABLISHING THIS NEW TELEVISION SERVICE. RADIO BAHAMAS (ANOTHER NAME FOR SUBJECT BUSINESS) IS A MEMBER OF THE CARIBBEAN BROADCASTING UNION WHICH ASSISTED IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY IN ESTABLISHING THE TELEVISION STATION. ZNS-TV BUILDING IS ON THE SAME SITE AS RADIO BAHAMAS IN NASSAU AND THE NEW BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED BY BROMAC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, A LOCAL FIRM, FOR A REPORTED DOLS 1 MILLION AND WAS OPENED OFFICIALLY BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON OCTOBER 20, 1977. ZNS TELEVISION HAS A LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING SCHEDULE RUNNING SIX HOURS A DAY DURING THE WEEK AND EIGHT HOURS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. ZNS-TV TRANSMITTER POWER IS 50,000 WATTS E.R.P. ON

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CHANNEL 13 AND OPERATES IN FULL COLOR. CHANNEL 13 IS SEEN 130 MILES FROM NASSAU AND HAS EXCELLENT RECEPTION. IT BEGAN TEST TRANSMISSION ON JULY 4, 1977 WITH ITS OFFICIAL PROGRAMMING COMMENCING JULY 10, 1977. ZNS-RADIO HAS ACHIEVED CLASS 1-A STATUS AND ITS TELEVISION STATION HAS HAD A GOOD BEGINNING. SUBJECT COMPANY IS CONSIDERED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS NORMAL TRADE COMMITMENTS BY THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

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